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செங்கோட்டை தனியார் மின்சார நிறுவனம்

திரு. என். ஆர். தியாகராஜன்: மாண்புமிகு மின்சார அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கீழ்க்கண்ட வினாக்களுக்குப் பதிலளிக்க வேண்டுகிறேன்—

(அ) செங்கோட்டை தனியார் மின்சார நிறுவனத்தை சர்க்கார் ஏற்றது செல்லாது என 1968 செப்டம்பரில் உயர்நீதி மன்றம் தீர்ப்பு அளித்ததா?

(இ) ஆமெனில், இதன் மீது அரசு எடுத்த நடவடிக்கை யாது?

மாண்புமிகு திரு. ஓ. பி. ராமன்: (அ) ஆம்.

(இ) அரசு உயர்நீதி மன்றத்தில் மேல் முறையீடு செய்துள்ளது.

(*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.)

II. Calling attention to stoppage and orders of recovery of special pay paid to Second Grade Hindi and Sanskrit Pandits posted as Teachers in Panchayat Elementary Schools in Thanjavur District.

4-40 p.m. THIRU G. KRISHNAMURTHY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Education and Industries to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the stoppage and orders of recovery from 1—2—1968 of the special pay paid to Second Grade Hindi and Sanskrit Pandits now posted as teachers in Panchayat Elementary Schools in Thanjavur district and the consequent distress caused to such Pandits.

THE HON. THIRU S. MADHAVAN: From January 1961, Grade II Language Pandits including Hindi Pandits, who, in addition to their work in the lower standards, worked for not less than 12 periods per week in the higher standards were allowed a special pay of Rs. 10 p.m. for the extra work performed by them in the higher standards. The system of payment of special pay of Rs. 10 p.m. to Grade II Pandits including Hindi Pandits was feasible when Hindi and other Part II languages were being taught in the Secondary Schools from Standards VI to XI. Later on, when the study of Hindi and other Part II languages was confined to higher standards only (i.e., Standards IX to XI), the special pay was discontinued but such of those Pandits, who were already in receipt of the special pay were allowed to enjoy the benefit of the special pay of Rs. 10 p.m. as a special case.

Consequent on the introduction of the two-language formula and the abolition of teaching of Hindi and other languages under Part II, the question of continuance of the special pay of Rs. 10 p.m. to the Pandits referred to above was examined. According to the orders issued in G.O. Ms. No. 477, Education, dated 6th April 1968, all qualified teachers in the languages under Part II should be given protection of their scales of pay as language Pandits in whatever capacity they are absorbed. The Government in November 1968 clarified that they could protect only the scales of pay as Hindi or other language Pandits and that with the introduction of the two-language formula, there was

no such thing as normal work and extra work for the payment of the special pay of Rs. 10 p.m. to the Hindi and other language Pandits and that such Pandits could not be eligible to receive the special pay of Rs. 10 p.m. previously granted to them. The above orders gave a clear indication that these Pandits were not entitled to the special pay of Rs. 10 p.m. with the introduction of the two-language formula, which had to be implemented immediately.

With reference to the above orders of Government, the District Educational Officer, Thanjavur, is reported to have stopped the payment of special pay of Rs. 10 p.m. with effect from February 1968 in the case of six Pandits and the excess amount paid to four of them is being recovered in easy instalments. The instructions clarifying the orders to the Director of School Education were issued in Government Memo, dated 28th November 1968 and the District Educational Officer, Thanjavur, has apparently given effect to the orders with retrospective effect from the date the two-language formula was implemented. Suitable action is being taken to request the Director of School Education to issue necessary instructions to the District Officers that the orders discontinuing the special pay should be implemented only with effect from the date these orders were issued and not with retrospective effect.

III. General discussion on the Budget for 1969-70—*cont.*

MR. CHAIRMAN : We shall now resume the discussion on the Budget.

* DR. M. A. MUTHIAH CHETTIAR : Mr. Chairman, Sir, at the outset, I should like to offer my warmest felicitations to the new Ministry on the beginning of their new office for the next three years. Sir, I think in the present set-up of things in the country and the Finance Commission functioning and the budget being discussed now, it should be the endeavour of every Member of the Legislature, nay the public, to give its support, whole-hearted support, to any Government in office for the purpose of improving the economic condition of our State. That is the one purpose for which we are all gathered here irrespective of parties and in this venture the Ministry, I am sure, as in the past, now enjoys the full support of the public with regard to the demand for more support from the Centre.

The Finance Minister is not here. Usually he will be here. I hope, Sir, you will send for him ....

(At this stage, the Hon. the Finance Minister entered and occupied his seat in the House).

He has come. Long live the Finance Minister, Sir. I offer my congratulations to the Ministry on their efforts to govern this part of the country well, and particularly, to raise the economic level of this country. I certainly give the Finance Minister my very best wishes for the future. He has given a real picture of the state of things. In this House as well as in the lower House I am accustomed to say that I congratulate the Hon. Minister on the excellent way in which he has